

CORRESPONDENCE.
THE DEFENCE CORPS CAMP

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS"]

SIR,—Many of the remarks about Camp appearing this morning under the head of "Random Reflections" appear to have been written with an insufficient knowledge of facts.

Taking the paragraphs in order, the only comment on the first is that in wet weather it is usual to dig trenches round tents to drain off the water, and I have never before heard the view expressed that they render the ground sodden. The adjoining unit took a great deal of trouble, saving our men the fog of digging trenches, which is appreciated by those who were there, and it might be said here that the Defence Corps have a great deal to thank them for in other ways also. The tents were blown down in most cases owing to the ignorance or carelessness of the occupants, who did not slacken the ropes, which contract very powerfully on getting damp, and naturally draw the pegs out.

Regarding the second paragraph, Officers, N.C.O.s, and men all used the same bedding and blankets, and the suggestion that a careful distinction was made is mischievous and incorrect.

It was stated in Orders that anyone could bring his own bedding if he liked, but I may say that I slept on the ground using the bedding issued, which seemed all right, though a little more straw might have been put in the mattresses.

Regarding the cost of beer I know nothing beyond the fact that the Sergeants run their own mess all the year round, and if their funds in hand allow lower charges, it seems nobody's concern but their own.

The remarks about depleted staffs, in the next paragraph, seem somewhat beside the point. The sacrifices were in most cases made by employees, who gave up all the time at their disposal for recreation for 4 or 5 weeks on end. None of the firm's time was spent at Camp in my own case, and I feel that if there has been a sacrifice it has been on my own part, and that my respected companion did not participate therein. I have yet to learn whether those who obtained exemption for various reasons spent the time in their offices—but there seemed a lot of motoring and golf going on round Fan-ling.

Regarding the cost of the Camp it might be well to remember that we are at war, and that anything in reason that improves the efficiency of the local forces is necessary at present. No one as far as I know, has objected to the very large amount spent lately on new roads, which serve only for the pleasure of motorists at present, however useful they may be in future. I might instance the road between Aberdeen, Deep Water Bay, and Stanley. If economy is necessary this might well have been left until after the war, and the cost would have paid for many camps.

As to the food, it seemed much as usual in previous Camps. Officers, N.C.O.s, and men fared alike, and any complaint should have been made at the time in Camp.

I believe it is untrue that a European Hotel offered to supply requirements at a lower cost than the Chinese contractor, the difficulty being the disposal of refuse and other extras.

No sham fighting was carried out with ball cartridge, nor were bullets fired over ground held by an opposing force. Similar field-firing has been carried on for many years past, though in small units only, and indeed a force without experience of the use of ball could hardly be considered even moderately efficient.

Regarding the machine-guns, this is not the first time volunteer guns have fired over my head here, and they were in charge of a fully qualified and experienced officer.

There was no compulsion in the case of the railway bridge, and anyone could adopt the alternative of wading through the creek, though I believe no one took it. How would "Roderick" have got the men across?

I agree with the remarks about the Fire Brigade.

As to the last paragraph I have no knowledge of any warning about giving information of the Camp to the papers. Are there no newspaper representatives in the Defence Corps?

In conclusion, I should like to take the opportunity to say that everyone I have met, without exception, who has had actual experience of the Camp, has appreciated the hard work, consideration, and courtesy of the A.C. and all ranks of the adjoining unit. Opinions have been freely expressed that the efficiency of all ranks of the Defence Corps has been very greatly increased by the Camp, and those who attended have the satisfaction of knowing that they have completed a real personal sacrifice of the limited time available for recreation in order to become more useful to the Colony.—Yours truly,

O.S.M.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1917.

SPORT.
CRICKET

Three league matches are down for decision this afternoon and ought to provide interesting games. The Club will entertain the Navy on their own ground, and while they are strong favourites for the points, anything may happen and it is quite on the boards that the sailors will treat the Club as they did the leaders in the competition. The Club did not create a very favourable impression last week in their friendly match against the University, but it is admitted that they are a strong batting combination and there is the possibility that we shall see a 200 score this afternoon.

Craigengower play the Gunners, and, after their defeat last week, they will be on their mettle and will probably win, if they can do anything respectable with the bat. At Causeway Bay the Engineers will endeavour to repeat their last Saturday's performance, and the Chinese will have to be at the top of their form to prevent them winning. Unless Ng Sze Kwong comes away with another big score it is odds on the Service men, and even if the C.R.C. make a lot of runs it will be difficult for them to get more than one point from a very keen side who improve with every match. The home team will have an opportunity to see smart fielding, and it may do them good.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

LEAGUE.

Hongkong v. Navy—on Club Ground.
Craigengower v. R.G.A.—at Craigengower.

C.R.C. v. Engineers, at Causeway Bay.

The friendly match between the University and K.C.C. (B), which was to have been played at Kowloon, has been postponed on account of the ground being laid out in connection with the fair on January 1st.

CRAIGENGOWER v. R.G.A.

In this home league fixture to be played to-day at 2 p.m. Craigengower will be represented by:—A. M. Grimmett, J. S. Graham, L. A. Rose, D. D. Noria, M. H. Abbas, D. K. Kharas, F. Repp, E. Schnepel, T. Ford, F. S. Thompson and B. Bassa.

CIVIL SERVICE C.C. v. MR. PONSONBY-FANE'S H.K. UNIVERSITY XI

The following will be the sides in the above match, which is to be played on the Civil Service Ground on Monday, 24th December, at 11 a.m.

Civil Service—Hon. Mr. C. Severn, C.M.G., B. E. O. Bird, W. H. Dixon, E. W. Hamilton, J. C. C. Fletcher, W. H. Edmonds, F. J. Ling, C. M. W. Reynolds, R. C. Witchell, T. Syme-Thomson and P. T. Lambie.

Mr. Ponsonby-Fane's team—K. Brayshaw, W. Gittens, A. de Souza, Ng Sze Kwong, Ng Sze Yuen, E. Ponsonby-Fane, A. H. Ramjahn, F. A. Redmond, G. E. Marley, J. D. Wright, and Yew Map Tsum.

HONGKONG C.C. v. UNITED SERVICES.

The following will represent the Club in the above match on Christmas Day and Boxing Day, play commencing at 2 p.m. on 25th and at 10 a.m. on the 26th:—T. E. Pearce (Capt.), K. Brayshaw, P. H. Cobb, D. E. Donnelly, E. W. Hamilton, R. Kennedy, M. M. Maas, G. E. Marley, H. E. Muriel, E. Ponsonby-Fane, J. Stalker.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

On Saturday the H.K.D.C. won their third victory in the United Services League, defeating the Middlesex by two goals to one. They were rather fortunate to win, as the two goals which they scored would have been saved by a good many goalkeepers with a little luck.

In the second division the R.E. Reserves had the satisfaction of beating St. Joseph's College to the tune of four goals to one—no mean performance. The last time these teams met the score was reversed, St. Joseph's winning by four goals to one. The St. Joseph's team has not deteriorated, but the R.E. junior team has improved out of all recognition, and will now have to be seriously reckoned with in the fight for championship honours. The Staff and Departments won their first match of the season at the expense of Kowloon. The Middlesex Reserves are now the only team that has not yet won a match in the second division, but there is plenty of time for them to do so, as they have only played four matches.

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CITY HALL WORK PARTY.

LETTER FROM LADY MAY.

During the past two weeks the City Hall Work Party packed the following:—148 vests; 100 bed jackets; 50 shrouds; 188 shirts; 112 pairs of slippers; 2 eye bandages; 20 dozen milk covers; 8 surgical shirts; 36 covers; 7 pairs of bed boots; 20 big mosquito nets; 6 hand mosquito nets; 6 mops; 5 dozen handkerchiefs; 24 scrubbers; 1 quilt; 76 small pillows; 3 holdalls; 24 floor swabs; 7 reversible jackets and 1 case of slippers.

These were packed in five cases for Bombay on the 14th and 21st inst.

This work party sent 400 handkerchiefs to the men of the garrison with best Christmas wishes.

The City Hall will be closed for work on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 24th and 25th, and also on Monday December 31st, and Tuesday, January 1st, but will be open for the giving out of work on the mornings of Friday, December 28th, and Friday, January 1st.

A letter has been received from Lady May in which she says:—"I have been reading in the *China Mail* every week the accounts of all the splendid work you have all done, and many a time have I meant to sit down and write and congratulate you all, but you know how one's days get filled up. What a splendid success 'Our Day' seems to have been too. I feel a terrible slacker though I am working regularly at a Red Cross party here. Please remember me kindly to all your busy workers, and say how much I am looking forward to seeing them again. Your days at the City Hall sound quite festive."

We wish all members of the work party a very happy holiday and will hope to see them all in the New Year, ready for the work which is all that we women out here can do to bring some little help and comfort to our men who are fighting.

ERMA M. STARR.

Hongkong, December 21st, 1917.

DAMON AND PYTHIAS.

The magnificent photo-drama, "Damon and Pythias," which will have its first presentation at the Victoria Theatre on Monday afternoon, appeals to everyone, for no incident in earth's history, no love of man for man, has been so idealized as the example of these noble warriors of Greece. Those who have not seen this splendid film should not lose the opportunity now offered them.

There is one first division match down for decision to-day, and two in the second division. The Club meet their last week's opponents, and the result should be an even game.

Football followers are well catered for on Boxing Day, when two exhibition matches in aid of charity are to be played. The first game should be very interesting, and it would be difficult to say which side is the stronger. The civilian team is the fatter.

In the England and Scotland match the Scottish team will have a tremendous task. The Englishman possess a most formidable forward line, and it will be surprising if they cannot manage to notch a few goals. Their defence, too, is strong. It is reported that Black and Hutchinson are doubtful starters, but, even so, England possesses in Strange and Dickenson two men almost, if not equally, as good.

The team representing Scotland is not weak, and Irvine, who has very favourably impressed those who have seen him in the forward line, may turn out to be equally useful at back, in which case the Scottish defence will be very strong. A good game is certain.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

HONGKONG LEAGUE—DIVISION I.

H.K.F.C. v. Middlesex Regiment.—Club ground. Kick-off, 4 p.m. Referee, Mr. Tucker.

DIVISION II.

St. Joseph's College v. 83rd Co. R.G.A.—Navy ground. Kick-off, 2.30 p.m. Referee, Mr. Townsend.

Kowloon v. 87th Co. R.G.A.—Club ground. Kick-off, 2.30 p.m. Referee, Mr. Dickenson.

R.G.A. v. NAVY.

This match arranged for to-day (Saturday) has been cancelled, as the Navy were unable to raise a team.

BILLIARDS.

SOLDIERS' CLUB TOURNAMENT.

The "B" Co. H.K.D.C. and Royal Engineers met in the second round of this tournament at the Soldiers' Club on Thursday evening. Both the games went to the Defence Corps. Scores:—
"A" Co. H.K.D.C. 2-1
Mr. Johnson 250 C.O.M.S. Reakes 182
Mr. Gray 250 Corp. Adams 185

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth, in their weekly share report dated December 21st, 1917, state:—

Our last report was dated 14th December, and, in the interval, our local market has been quiet, with the exception of Indo-China Deferred shares, which have almost entirely monopolized attention, and in which a very large business has been done. Very heavy cash buying started the ball rolling, and with higher rates cabled from London our market closes very strong. Other shares continue firm, and we look for a broadening market in the New Year. Shanghai market has been quiet and featureless. Singapore market is dull and prices are mostly lower, owing to difficulties in regard to freight. The price of the raw material in London is rather higher.

Our to-day's wired quotations are as follows:—

Alor Gajahs	4.35
Ayer Panas	11.20
Glenalya	2.45
Kedahs	4.00
Kempas	2.70
Malaka Pindas	2.75
Malakoffs	4.30
New Serendaps	4.70
Sandyrofts	2.50
Tapahs	21.00

Plantation Rubber in London is quoted at 2/4. Bar Silver is quoted at 43. Sterling T.T. is 2/11. Singapore T.T. is 127. Shanghai T.T. is nominal at about 67, and the Bank's buying rate for 3d/s bills is nominal at about 69.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai have come to business at \$600, but more shares are on offer.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions could be placed at \$750, and North Chinas at \$115. Canton have sellers at \$300. Yangtze are nominal at \$205 with ex. 73.

FIRE INSURANCES.—China Fires are in demand at \$100, but Hongkong Fires remain nominal at \$310.

SHIPPING.—Indo-China Deferred have had a further big rise, and, after very heavy cash buying in the early part of the week, round about \$150 to \$200, the market has steadily advanced until this afternoon, when, upon receipt of a London quotation of \$24, the price has gone up by leaps and bounds, and for probable buyers for cash at \$180 and for March at \$190. Very few sellers are in evidence, and market closes very strong. Douglas have been neglected, and no sales are reported. Shares are on offer at \$77. Steamboats have been dull and lifeless, with sellers at \$16. Star Ferries are nominal at \$22.

URALS.—Shells are quoted at 112/- buyers, but no shares are forthcoming. The London quotation is wired at 115/- ex. div. of 2/- just declared. Langkats are obtainable at \$15. Ural Caspians are nominal at 30/-.

REVENUES.—Business has been done in China Sugars at \$93 and \$91, and they close at the latter figure. Sales of Malabons were made at \$36, but further shares are offering at the rate.

MIXING.—Rauhs have been put through at \$2.50 and a few more shares are obtainable at the rate. Kailans have sellers at \$40/-, Tencobs are nominal at 31/3.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have improved their position and have been done at \$125 and \$124 and close steady at \$124. Kowloon Wharves have been the medium of a fair business at \$93 and \$93, and close firm with probable buyers at \$94. Shanghai Docks are on offer at \$15.75.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Lands have been dealt in at \$90 and more shares are wanted. Hotels and Centrals are both in demand at \$90. Humphreys can be placed at \$94. West Points remain nominal and unchanged at \$81.

COTTON MILLS.—Ewos are rather lower at \$15.75. Shanghai Cottons are offering at \$119. Sales of Yangtzepeeps are reported at \$15.80. Kung Yiks are nominal at \$15.15.

MISCELLANEOUS.—A small business has been done in Cements at from \$7.35 to \$7.50, and they close steady at \$7.40. Other shares in this section have been neglected, but there are buyers of China Borneos at \$7, of China Lights at \$3.50, of Providents at \$7, of Dairy Farms at \$98, and of Electric at \$48. Ropes are wanted at \$23. Tramways have buyers at \$3, but sellers ask \$3.40. Watsons are offering at \$4.50.

CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO FUND

The following is the subscription list to date:—

Acknowledged to 30th October, 1917	\$24,205.43
Members, Kowloon Customs	
Staff, per Mr. O. D. Gander	28.00
M.S.B. Sub. for Nov./Dec.	10.00
Mr. T. G. Beale for Oct./Nov.	40.00
D.A.W. for Nov./Dec.	10.00
Penalty	20.00
Members, Kowloon Customs	
Staff, per Mr. A. F. Reynolds, for November and December	44.00
G.A.P.	10.00
C.R.B.	5.00
Collected on Guy Fawkes' Day—by the children in Kowloon	22.90
Docks	
Collected on Guy Fawkes' Day—Cheque from Kowloon children	30.00
Collected by Mrs. W. E. L. Shenton, List No. 6	361.00
	\$24,787.43
Expended to 30th Oct., 1917	2,395.33

Since expended:—
10,000 Cigarettes for Soldiers' and Sailors' entertainments (local)
2,000 Cigarettes, and 12 lbs. tobacco for local troops
1,875 Cigarettes to Garrison Sergeants' Mess
300,000 Cigarettes sent to the troops at the front

Balance in hand

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE

I, R. P. ROBERTS, Master of the British steamer "Prominent," hereby give notice that I will not be responsible for any Debt or Debts contracted by the members of my crew during the ship's stay in port.

R. P. ROBERTS,
Master.
[1425]

BOXING DAY.

FOOTBALL.

CLUB GROUND,
CHARITY MATCHES.

2.30 P.M.

SERVICES v. CIVILIANS.
Admission to Stand 50 Cts.
Front Seats 20 Cts.

4.00 P.M.

ENGLAND v. SCOTLAND.
Admission to Stand \$1.00
Front Seats 50 Cts.
Proceeds will be given to the Halifax and Star and Garter Funds.
[1423]

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 24th, 25th and 26th instant.

By Order,
A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.
[1423]

MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 24th, 25th and 26th instant.

By Order,
A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.
[1424]

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 24th, 25th and 26th instant.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1917. [1406]

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OFFICE.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THIS OFFICE will be entirely CLOSED on CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR DAYS. On the other Holidays the Office will be open for all purposes as follows:—

MONDAY, the 24th December,
9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, the 26th December,
9 A.M. to 12 Noon.

D. W. TRATMAN,
Superintendent,
Imports and Exports.
[1407]

NOTICE

OUR STORE will be OPEN ALL DAY TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 22nd inst., and MONDAY, the 24th inst. MACKINTOSH & Co., Ltd.
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A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

NOTICE

TO-DAY (SATURDAY), 22nd December 1917, All Departments will be Open for business until 6 P.M. and on MONDAY, the 24th inst., until 7 P.M.
A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1917. [1417]

HONGKONG HOTEL.

TEA DANCES.

THE MANAGEMENT beg to announce that in future the Charge for TEA, including the PRIVILEGE OF DANCING, will be \$1.00 per head, 25¢ of which sum will be Donated by the Hotel Company to WAR CHARITIES.

J. H. TAGGART,
Manager.
[1410]

INTIMATIONS

8% MILITARY LOAN.

REDEMPTION OF DRAWN BONDS.

THE Repayment of 8% Military Bonds drawn at the Third Drawing amounting to \$1,700,000 will commence on 10th December, 1917. The Repayment will be made in SILVER.

THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

Peking, 28th November, 1917. [1391]

8% MILITARY LOAN.

REDEMPTION OF BONDS DRAWN AT THIRD DRAWING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Public that at the 3rd Drawing for Repayment of the 8 per cent. Military Loan Bonds held on 2nd October, 1917, Bonds to the value of \$1,700,000.00 have been drawn, which amount constitutes about one-fifth of the Bonds recognized by this Ministry. A List of Drawn Bonds is published in the Government Gazette and other newspapers.

Repayment of Bonds sold in Singapore, Batavia and the Philippine Islands will be made by the Bank of China, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at these places. THE BANK OF CHINA, Shanghai, will transfer funds for Repayment of Bonds sold through the Batavia, Soe Po. BAH. In China, Repayment will be made by the Changsha Guild upon surrender of the Bonds to the Guild or CHINA, Shanghai: in Yokohama by the CHINESE CONSULATE-GENERAL: in Kiangsi by the Kiangsi Bank: in Fukien by the Bank of China: in the above cases, Repayment of Drawn Bonds will generally be made by the Bank of China, Shanghai.

Drawn Bonds when presented must be accompanied by all remaining Coupons, as all such Bonds are not entitled to any further interest after the payment of 11th Coupon. If all remaining Coupons (beginning with the 12th Coupon) are not presented together with the Drawn Bonds, then the total amount represented by these Coupons shall be deducted from the repayable principal.

Drawn Bonds must be presented for Repayment within five years from the date of Third Drawing, after which period of five years such Bonds shall become Null and Void.

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31-32 2 1236-1266 31

33-34 2 1277-1307 31

35-36 2 1318-1348 31

37-38 2 1359-1389 31

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45-46 2 1523-1553 31

47-48 2 1564-1594 31

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51-52 2 1646-1676 31

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57-58 2 1769-1799 31

59-60 2 1810-1840 31

61-62 2 1851-1881 31

63-64 2 1892-1922 31

65-66 2 1933-1963 31

67-68 2 1974-2004 31

69-70 2 2015-2045 31

71-72 2 2056-2086 31

73-74 2 2097-2127 31

75-76 2 2138-2168 31

77-78 2 2179-2209 31

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62085-62464	360	325101-325104	59
63565-58744	360	241128-242148	59
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THE WAR.

THE ALLIES' WAR-AIMS. RUSSIA RELEASING AUSTRO-GERMAN PRISONERS.

FRENCH CRUISER TORPEDOED. ATTACKING SUBMARINE DESTROYED.

PETROGRAD IN STATE OF SIEGE.

Franco-Belgian Front.

EARLIER CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRITISH FRONT.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

LONDON, December 20th.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—There was hostile artillery firing at Puschendaele.

The Portuguese repulsed raiders south-eastward of Laventie.

RAIDERS DRIVEN OFF.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We drove off raiders south-east of Guemappe.

The enemy raided two posts in the neighbourhood of Avion.

There was considerable hostile artillery firing at Ploegstreet Wood, and Polygon Wood.

AVIATION.

The Australian Air-Squadrons did good work on Monday. Two of their pilots were attacked by many scouts, but they brought down one and dispersed the remainder.

Our aeroplanes yesterday dropped 120 bombs on railway stations and trenches. There was intense air-fighting all day which was greatly in our favour.

We brought down nine and drove down three machines. Three of our machines are missing.

Last night we bombed St. Denis, Westrem, Roulers, and Lightervolde aerodromes, and Thourout, Ledeghem, Cambrai and Menin railway stations.

All our machines returned.

CONDITIONS AT THE FRONT.

Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters reports:—Deep, frozen snow is rendering transport most difficult and big operations have become almost impossible, but the enemy is displaying considerable activity. A good deal of movement is in progress behind the German lines under suspicious circumstances, based upon past experience, as the enemy is using the Red Cross flag freely.

The recent spirited attack south of Polderhoek Chateau only met with success owing to our men having used up all available grenades.

Referring to the much-bruited reports of the arrival of a number of fresh enemy Divisions in Belgium from the Eastern Front, the Correspondent arrives at a liberal estimate that the trench strength of each of such divisions does not exceed 3,500 infantrymen of all ranks.

FRENCH FRONT.

ENEMY BOMBARDS FRONT LINE

PARIS, December 19th.

A communiqué states:—Enemy artillery bombarded at night-time the front line south of Juvincourt, in Argonne, and at Four-de-Paris.

Our guns effectively replied.

A repeated attempt to reach our positions at Four-de-Paris was repulsed.

The enemy dropped 50 bombs on Dunkirk on the night of the 18th inst., but no casualties resulted.

RECIPROCAL BOMBARDMENT.

PARIS, December 20th.

A communiqué states:—There was a reciprocal bombardment in the regions of Juvincourt, north of Cauriers Wood, Hartmannswillerkopf and Schoenholz.

GERMAN STRENGTH

PARIS, December 19th.

There are still 113 enemy divisions on the Eastern Front, of which 77 are German and 33 Austrian, compared with 137 in September, but these are of little value.

Naval Activities.

EARLIER CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FRENCH CRUISER SUNK.

GERMAN SUBMARINE DESTROYED.

PARIS, December 19th.

A Naval communiqué reports:—The old cruiser *Chateau Renault*, utilised as a transport, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine on the morning of the 14th inst.

All on board were saved, except ten sailors who are missing.

The submarine was destroyed.

Italian Front.

EARLIER CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ITALIANS CAPTURE PRISONERS.

LONDON, December 19th.

An Italian official report states:—After violent efforts to advance southwards from Col Caprile to Mount Pertica, the enemy only succeeded in gaining advantages at Mount Aholone. Nevertheless, we captured 100 prisoners.

Our Naval forces prevented an attempt to cross the Vecchia-Piave.

Aerial Activities.

EARLIER CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BOMBS DROPPED ON BRUGES

LONDON, December 20th.

The Admiralty announce that Naval aircraft dropped large quantities of explosives on the Brugese Works at Bruges on Tuesday night and obtained direct hits. A large fire was observed.

They also bombed Vlisseghem aerodrome yesterday afternoon, securing direct hits.

They destroyed one enemy machine and drove down another.

One of our machines is missing.

General.

EARLIER CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE FOOD QUESTION.

MEATLESS DAY WEEKLY.

LONDON, December 20th.

Lord Rhonda is arranging to fix in January the maximum prices of various grades of home live-stock.

The Food Controller imposes from the New Year a meatless day weekly, on which no cooked or uncooked meat will be sold.

The Food Controller also proposes to limit retail sales after January 31st to three-quarters of the October sales.

TEA PRICES FIXED.

The Food Minister announces that from December 31st the maximum price of tea will be:—Class A, 2/4 per pound, B 2/8 to 3/-, C 3/- to 3/4 (up to 3/8 in Ireland), D 3/8, and uncontrolled 2/8.

From January 15th, control tea may not be sold mixed with uncontrolled tea, and if control tea of two grades is mixed the mixture must be sold at the price of the lower grade.

RUSSIA'S FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS.

LONDON, December 20th.

In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil stated that the Government had repudiated her financial obligations.

LATEST CABLES.

RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

PETROGRAD IN STATE OF SIEGE.

PETROGRAD, December 20th.

Petrograd is declared to be in a state of siege. All street meetings and gatherings are prohibited.

Attempts to pillage the wine stores, shops and private dwellings will be suppressed by machine-guns without warning.

Nobody is allowed out after nine o'clock in the evening without authorisation by House Committees.

EARLIER CABLES.

RELEASE OF AUSTRO-GERMAN PRISONERS.

PETROGRAD, December 19th.

M. Trotsky has signed an order releasing the Austrian and German prisoners of war in the Borovitchy district of the Government of Novgorod from compulsory labour, placing them on an equality with free workmen as regards wages, etc., with the option of working at agriculture under the Kherson Government, to which they will receive travelling passes.

M. Trotsky instructs the Russian Legation at Breslitovsk to propose that the Austrians, Germans, Turks and Bulgarians should deal similarly with their civilian prisoners.

An order has been issued handing over the administration of the Fleets to the Central Committees, abolishing admirals and replacing the staffs by elected organisations, the Central Committees to appoint Boards to direct the naval operations.

GENERAL NEWS.

The *Evening Post's* Correspondent at Rostoff, telegraphing on the 17th inst., says the Don and Kuban Cossacks finally occupied the town, the Maximalist infantry joining the Cossacks, while the Red Guards laid down their arms and surrendered.

General Kaledin communicated with the Smolny Institute at Petrograd, which is the Bolshevik Headquarters, proposing the cessation of 'Civil War'. He stipulates that the Maximalists do not interfere with the affairs of the Don Cossacks, and insists upon the immediate formation of a National Government.

A despatch from Kieff reports that a strong Maximalist force is marching to that city.

SOVIETS V. UKRAINE REPUBLIC.

The People's Commissioners, on behalf of the various Soviets, have issued a statement recognising the right of the Ukraine Republic to separate from Russia, but demanding the Ukraine Rada, or Parliament, to cease moving troops towards the Don, Ural and elsewhere, and to cease disarming the Soviet Red Guards. Failing a satisfactory reply within 48 hours, the Rada will be considered in a state of war against the Soviets.

CHRISTMAS AT HOME.

LONDON, December 19th.

There will be no newspapers published on Christmas Day and no evening papers on Boxing Day.

REPRESENTATION OF PEOPLE BILL.

LONDON, December 20th.

In the House of Lords, the Representation of the People Bill passed its second reading.

LEIGE DEFENDER RELEASED.

ZURICH, December 20th.

General Leman, the defender of Liege, has been released from Germany and is due here.

ALLIES RECOGNISE NEW PORTUGUESE REGIME.

PARIS, December 20th.

Great Britain, France, Italy and Belgium have recognised the Portuguese régime.

EXPLOSION NEAR LONDON.

LONDON, December 20th.

It is officially announced that an explosion wrecked a building of an explosive works northward of London.

There were no fatalities.

THE ALLIES' WAR-AIMS.

MR. BALFOUR'S STATEMENT.

LONDON, December 19th.

In the House of Commons, replying to speeches by Sir William Collins and Mr. A. Ponsonby, demanding a clearer statement of the Allies' war-aims, Mr. Balfour emphasised the great aims for which we are unselfishly fighting and which have been frequently, consistently and lucidly expressed. What was desirable at present was not so much a discussion of war-aims as of war methods.

Carrying on the war was the immediate and all-essential thing. The broad objects of the war were never doubtful, but the very magnitude of the war meant that all sorts of difficult side issues are constantly arising.

Mr. Balfour dealt with Mr. Ponsonby's allegation that our aims are not distinguished, as was shown by our agreement with Russia.

Regarding Constantinople, Mr. Balfour declared that what the late Government did in this connection was absolutely justified in the circumstances. Italy properly deserved a rearrangement of territory in her favour. The Government was never even aware of any French statesman having seriously entertained the idea of cutting off a bit of Germany in order to form an independent buffer State between France and Germany.

Mr. Balfour contrasted the exposition of our war aims with the enemies' studied silence, and concluded with a stinging castigation of Mr. Ponsonby.

Commander Wedgwood followed Mr. Balfour. He declared that America was the main support of the Allies, and our terms must be bound by President Wilson's acceptance of them. There should be a closer union of our aims with those of the United States, and a statement to this effect would not merely split the German nation from top to bottom, but would increase the British people's morale.

Lord Cavendish-Bentinck said that if the people were losing their morale, it was entirely due to a suspicion that our war-aims were being increased in favour of plottocracy.

Mr. McCreech said that the people were suspicious, not that the Government was going too far, but that it was not going far enough.

After speeches by many others, including Mr. Runciman,

Lord Robert Cecil, replying to a charge by Mr. C. F. Trevelyan that the Government had not attempted to discover the German terms, said there was scarcely anyone who had spoken in the House of Commons who had not asked the Germans to state their terms.

Mr. Asquith had done so repeatedly, but not a word in reply had been received.

Referring to the criticisms of Sir Edward Carson, Lord Robert Cecil said it was the old story about the west bank of the Rhine, which he thought had been completely cleared up. Sir Edward Carson had not intended to suggest anything in advance of the Government's general policy regarding Alsace-Lorraine.

Further, he would not advocate an economic war after the war, but there would be a world shortage of raw materials, and the great mass of raw material would be controlled by ourselves and the Allies. It could not be expected that we would go short of raw material after the war in order to supply Germany. There was nothing vindictive about that.

Lord Robert Cecil said he was convinced the British public would not permit the abandonment of any undertakings we had given to our Allies. He agreed that besides victory we must have security for a lasting settlement. It had been suggested that the principal precaution was the establishment of a League of Nations. He would not remain a member of a Government which did not make a League of Nations after the war one of its main objects, but we must begin with a partnership of those nations whom we regarded worthy to enter it. The idea that a League of Nations could be established with a victorious Germany was an utterly mistaken one.

MERCANTILE MARINE LOSSES.

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, December 20th.

The Admiralty announce the arrivals for the week 2,401 and the sailings 2,499. Fourteen vessels over and three under 1,000 tons were sunk. Eleven vessels were unsuccessfully attacked and one fishing boat was sunk.

FRANCE.

The French weekly shipping returns show that 931 vessels arrived, 892 departed, one vessel under 1,000 tons was sunk, and one was unsuccessfully attacked.

ITALY.

The Italian shipping returns show the arrivals as 394, and the sailings 333. Two sailing vessels over and one under 100 tons were sunk.

SUBMARINE STATISTICS.

An official diagram shows the British, Allied and neutral merchant tonnage losses quarterly from the beginning of 1916 to date.

The quarterly losses progressively rose between the end of September, 1916, to the end of June, 1917, after which they sharply declined, being now below the losses of the corresponding period of last year.

Another diagram shows that the total German submarines sunk has risen progressively between October, 1916, and October, 1917, after which the rate has remained stationary.

These calculations are based on absolute knowledge.

AMERICA AND THE WAR.

IRISHMEN TO REFRAIN FROM EMBARRASSING THE ALLIES.

CHICAGO, December 19th.

The Irish Fellowship Club, the largest Irish organisation in Chicago, has adopted a declaration which will be forwarded to Ireland after submission to all Irish organisations in America, stating that any Irishman seeking to embarrass any Ally in the conduct of the war commits an act of open hostility to the United States.

JAPANESE AT VLADIVOSTOCK.

REPORT WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

LONDON, December 20th.

In the House of Commons at question time, Lord Robert Cecil stated that, as far as the Government were aware, the report of Japanese landing at Vladivostock was without foundation.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, December 20th.

The silver market is quiet.

THE MAN WHO CONTROLS LONDON'S BARRAGE.

Every one is asking about Colonel M. St. L. Simon, "the man who puts the barrage up," whose job as director of the air defences of London was mentioned by Lieut.-General Sir Francis Lloyd in his speech at Poplar.

Few people in London, outside his immediate military circle, had heard of Colonel Simon before, but he has been organising the defences of London for something over twelve months.

Those who have come in contact with him speak of him as a man of great ability, who is likely to rise higher. He saw service at the front, but was brought home to undertake some special instructional work.

Colonel Simon is about forty years of age, and is one of the old Regular Army. He was for some years in Canada. In 1911, while a major, he became a staff captain in the Department of the Master-General of the Ordnance. He is not related to the ex-Home Secretary, Sir John Simon, and his name is pronounced "Seemon," in the French way, although from the fact that his barrage sends London to the depths, he might well be known as "Simon the Callayer."

FANTASTIC STARS AT THE VICTORIA THEATRE.

The Fantastic Stars' programme for tomorrow night at the Victoria Theatre is announced to be one of unusual interest. Hilda Feistad will introduce several new contrabass, Miss Nellie Black, the Scottish contralto, is to sing some old sweet Scotch songs, and Miss Elsie Black, in addition to her fine and piccolo solos, will be heard in several duets with her sister. Alf Redhead Wilson will again prove "Tis better to be a witty fool than a foolish wit."

SOLDIERS' PETS.

[BY "GUNNER" IN THE "MANCHESTER GUARDIAN."]

Only a census would reveal the motley collection of creatures that are sharing the affections of our soldiers. Somewhere in France, Mesopotamia, Egypt, or in the many lands where the Briton is fighting. On the western front, pets are more or less of the conventional type—dogs, cats, and other well-known animals—and in a measure, they lack the individuality of the pets in more tropical or far-distant climes. Dogs simply swarm in the deserted country of the western war zone. Cats, homeless and otherwise, are to be found everywhere. They, too, have been left behind when the enemy poured over the stricken country, and often made friends with the British soldier, or perhaps, snatched an existence from his bounty, but otherwise lived the life of a wild creature. These animals have all at one time been domesticated, and are just like cats and dogs all the world over. The cats meet and fight with the cats next door, and settle their affairs on No Man's Land. Dogs behave much as they do in other lands, fighting and hunting, making journeys on ammunition waggons, and even gas, welcoming the advance to give them a chance of rushing forth and enjoying the strange rushing of a fight between human beings.

In other and hotter lands even dogs take on a different character, banding together to hunt the jackal when that creature enters the sacred precincts of the camp, and many a soldier sighs as he hears the sound of the hunt passing over the sandhills and knows that he cannot be in at the kill. The hyena's wild, weird laughter will set the dog barking for hours, and without the sound of war, the camp is noisy enough with the outcries of dogs baying defiance to the marauder. He, too, is hunted by an eager pack.

MOSES THE JERBOA.

But perhaps the liveliest of tropical pets is the little jerboa. The Anzac insists on calling them kangaroo rats, because they are exactly like his own familiar friend of the New-Near-Country, off back in Australia, and like the kangaroo rat, the jerboa makes a delightfully impatient pet. He—Anzac's—always call their pets by the personal pronoun—is full of tricks and is guaranteed to get into more mischief than any other pet, bar a crow or a jackdaw. One called Moses, because he was captured under the Holy Land, was an extremely funny little beggar, and absolutely hated to be covered in. A "billy" with a lid on simply fired his curiosity so much that he would spend hours in the evening trying his level best to get under the lid. He always contrived to accomplish what he set out to do, and if food was contained in the "billy" then Moses stuffed until he could hardly crawl. Truth to tell, Moses was a greedy little beggar, and was always ready to set in for a season and out of season. He was usually tied up, for a jerboa is capable of digging himself in in record time, and his owner was always afraid that one day the order to move on might come suddenly and Moses not to be found. If left alone he always turned up safely in the evening. Moses hated being tied up, and it was a sight for the gods to see master and pet springing for all they were worth through the camp, the jerboa being intent on getting a hiding-place where slender chains and the time of collars were unknown. His powers of sprinting, or jumping, were so tremendous that the race was not always won by the Anzac, although that individual generally managed to be in at the death and contrived to catch Moses' hind legs just as they were disappearing amid a fountain of sand sent up by the energetic jerboa.

UNINTERESTING ANIMALS.

In spite of what their owners may say, tortoises and mud turtles are extremely uninteresting pets. They are generally self-centred, and like young crocodiles, rarely display any affection. Tortoise races are a mild form of dissipation dear to the soldier, perhaps because anyone can start a tortoise, but no one knows when he will go or whether he will go at all. The tortoise has an absolute ambition, and nothing will persuade him that it is necessary to overtake the tortoise in front of him. The owners could only set the reptiles in a row and then prod them on to do their duty.

Goannas, as the Anzac insists on calling iguanas, is another extremely uninteresting reptile and can be coupled with lizards, as far as affection goes. I have only seen one iguana that displayed any affection, and that was not for his owner, but for a total stranger. The "lizard" creature crept all over the stranger and then caressed his face with a long thin tongue. The owner of the goanna promptly traded the reptile away for a tortoise, in sheer disgust at its behaviour. Snakes, even when harmless, do not seem pleasant companions, but one soldier had a boxful of writhing reptiles. His tent-mates never grew accustomed to the "brutes," and by some strange mischance the snakes vanished, one by one, and the grieving owner declared that they had been slain by the rest. Chameleons are favourite pets, and do their level best to keep down the number of flies, but their constant changes of colour are, perhaps, their chief charm. It is amusing to watch the varying tint under different circumstances, although after a time the chameleon declines to continue the display and retires to some convenient "height" and catches flies with an air of not wanting to be bothered by any human being.

The largest number of unusual pets, however, consist of birds, and the quaint, ungainly attitudes and weird dancing of tame storks and cranes always raise a good laugh. The ordinary wild bird life of Greece comes so readily to the camp and is so easily tamed that it would be difficult to compile a list of everything that had been petted. Then the finding of nests of the larger birds of prey generally results in the addition of more pets. One eagle, and hawk, was brought in as a fluffy nestling, and flourish, excepting, One golden eagle was so tame that although it was perfectly free to come and go as it chose it would always return to its master's tent after its long-distance flights and remain for hours perfectly motionless upon the top of the tent. When called it would fly down and perch on the master's hand, and "tame" the greatest pleasure at being noticed.

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Hongkong Daily Press.

"OMENS OF VICTORY." LORD CHANCELLOR ON PEACE TERMS.

The new Lord Mayor of the City of London, Mr. C. A. Hanson, M.P., attended, with the Aldermen, Sheriffs, and high officers of the City of London, at the House of Lords to receive from the Lord Chancellor the official intimation of the King's approval of his appointment.

The Lord Chancellor, addressing the Lord Mayor-elect, said:-

It is my duty and privilege as Lord Chancellor to announce to you and to the representatives of the City who are present his Majesty's most gracious approval of the choice which the City of London has made in electing you for the fourth Lord Mayor of the City. The City of London has always been distinguished for its patriotism, and it is known to all the world how the City has borne more than its share of the burdens and sacrifices of the war. The efforts that have been made by each of your predecessors in the office of Lord Mayor, and by the citizens of London during their tenure of office have given every assistance to the Government in the prosecution of the struggle and have added a new and glorious chapter to the annals of the City of London.

We trust that this long contest is now nearing its end. The omens of victory are already settling on our banners and we hope that you will conclude your year of office under happier auspices. We pray that it may be signified by a victory so complete and decisive that it will lead to a treaty of peace which will redress the unheard-of wrongs wrought by the rulers of Germany, a treaty which will give back to France these provinces—Alsace and Lorraine—which ought never to have been wrested from her, a treaty which will restore the independence of Belgium and exact full compensation for the outrages which have been perpetrated on her, and, lastly, a treaty which will break for ever the predominance of Prussian militarism and secure world freedom and lasting peace. Peace on any other terms would be intolerable. As the Recorder has reminded us, you are already well known for your public work and, not the least, for your patriotic efforts on behalf of the Volunteer Forces. I trust that during your year of office you will gather fresh laurels and that your majority will be illustrated by works of charity, mercy, and patriotism. There is one feature of your career which has much interested me—I refer to your long association with the great Dominion of Canada. It is, I think, a happy omen that at this time when Canada and the great Dominions beyond the seas are rallying to the support of the Mother Country in the cause of freedom, the City of London, which represents the heart of the Empire, should have selected for its highest honour one who, while a citizen of London, is yet in close association with our great Dominion.

The Lord Chancellor concluded by wishing the Lord Mayor-elect a prosperous year of office.

OFFICER WHO DECIDED WAR WAS UN-CHRISTIAN.

After hearing the 30th Chapter of Isaiah read in church, Joseph Sault, an officer in the King's Royal Rifles, resigned his commission. He appeared before the Northamptonshire Appeal Tribunal recently and told the Bench his conscience was aroused by the chapter in question, and he decided to fight was incompatible with Christianity. He told his Colonel he must resign, even if it meant being shot.

Appellant said he returned to civil life and became an employee of the Great Central Railway at £75 a year. Sometimes he preached, but he denied using his influence against others enlisting. The case was adjourned for a month for Sault to get work of national importance at a pecuniary sacrifice.

PRINCESS' VISIT TO AEROPLANE WORKS.

"ALIEN ENEMY" FINED.

At Manchester recently, the Princess Ludwig Zu Lowenstein-Vertheim, charged with furnishing false particulars with regard to herself to the proprietor of the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, and with having, as an alien enemy, travelled more than five miles from her registered place of abode without a permit.

Mr. Heath, deputy town clerk, for the prosecution, said that the defendant was the daughter of the late Earl of Mexborough, and before her marriage, which took place in 1897, she was known as the Lady Ann Savile. By her marriage with a German prince she became a German subject. Her husband was killed in 1899 while fighting with the Spaniards against the Americans. When it became necessary for her to register under the Aliens Restriction Order the particulars she gave were:- "Surname, Ludwig; Christian name, Ann; nationality, German; occupation, Princess; Lowenstein-Vertheim; residence, 5, Upper Belgrave street, Manchester." She signed these particulars, and on Manchester on September 27th, and in filling up a registration form at the Victoria Hotel in that city described herself as "Evelyn Ellis, British nationality, of 118, Porchester-terrace, London." She did not give the other particulars which an alien enemy ought to give. All the particulars she gave were false, and there was no such place as 118, Porchester-terrace, London.

The defendant's purpose in visiting Manchester was to make some inquiries about aeroplanes, and in pursuance of arrangements made over the telephone, she called at a local aeroplane works. She asked the manager if they could make her an aeroplane capable of carrying four passengers, and with a 200 horse-power engine, the period of delivery to be an early one. Counsel added that it was no offence to purchase an aeroplane, but it was suspicious that a German Princess should have attempted the conduct the defendant did in trying to acquire an aeroplane which would be capable of flying across the North Sea, with herself as a passenger, and any documentary evidence which she might be disposed to place before the court, and of carrying over the sea any escaped German officer who might be at large in this country.

Mr. Acton, who represented the princess, said he admitted both offences. Detective Rabbit, who arrested the defendant, said her explanation of her visit to the aeroplane works was that she wanted an aeroplane to help to do war work.

Lord Mexborough, brother of the defendant, called on her behalf, said his sister had a craze for flying. The only relationship she had with Germany was occasional visits paid to that country during the two years of her married life before the death of her husband. She had no German or anti-British leanings.

Mr. Acton—You have known her to be throughout her life a thoroughly patriotic British person?

Lord Mexborough—Yes; we have always called her the "John Bull" of the family; she is most patriotic.

Questioned as to his sister's passion for flying, Lord Mexborough said he had done a great deal of it in various parts of the world. She had flown across the Channel from Sussex to Dieppe, and also in Egypt. She had made various flights since, and to his own knowledge in 1914, she formed the intention of giving an aeroplane to the Government. The intention, however, did not develop because of the outbreak of war. The family had always greatly disapproved of his sister's craze for flying and taken as strong an attitude against it as they could. That had led her to resort to subterfuges. He believed for a fact that she had been in communication with the Air Board on flying matters, as she was very anxious to do something in the flying world for the benefit of this country in the war.

The Bench imposed a fine of £25 in each of the two cases, with three guineas apiece costs. They acquitted the defendant of any motive in any way inconsistent with her loyalty to her native country.

RECONSTRUCTION.

TRANSPORTATION PROFITS.

Interesting data for study in relation to industrial reconstruction is supplied by the Empire Resources Development Committee from official returns of the control of State railways and tramways in New South Wales.

With the object of removing the management of railways from political control an Act was passed in 1906 whereby the management of both tramways and railways was confided to a Chief Commissioner, under whom were appointed two Assistant Commissioners, one to assist in the management of the railways, and the other in that of the tramways.

The construction of the railway lines is generally undertaken by the Department of Public Works, the lines being transferred on completion to the control of the Commissioner. Duplications and deviations of existing lines, however, are carried out by the Commissioners. The extensive contracts entered into in 1915 with the Norton Griffiths Company are under this system making good progress. While the primary object of State railway construction has been to promote settlement, the endeavour to make the railways self-supporting has been kept steadily in view.

Notwithstanding war conditions the latest returns available show that on a total cost of construction of both railways and tramways of £73,554,587, a gross profit of £2,680,123 was shown, and after payment of interest on capital, a net profit for the year of £26,804. The heavier construction cost was, of course, under the head of railways, which amounted to sixty-five and a half million pounds. Under this head, although the balance over working expenses amounted to £2,328,860, resulted in an adverse balance of £331. Tramways, on the other hand, showed a net surplus of £26,123, making a stated a net profit on the two systems of £26,804.

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OUR LONDON LETTER.

WAR-TIME LACK OF INTEREST IN POLITICS

ANOTHER FOOD ECONOMY CAMPAIGN IN THE COUNTRY.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, October 22nd.

Parliament is again in session, but nowadays it seems to make no difference to the life of the nation whether the politicians are assembled at Westminster or not. It is hardly worth saying that for all the public cares they might as well be at the ends of the earth. The fact that the House is sitting is not apparent in the social world in London, because there is no social life in the sense in which we used to regard it before the war. Moreover, whatever legislation is proposed is more or less directly concerned with the struggle against the Huns, either now or during the period of reconstruction, that so much is talked about as soon as hostilities have ceased. For all practical purposes, therefore, Members of Parliament might just as well be in their constituencies as occupying the benches in St. Stephen's Hall. The country is ruled by the War Cabinet, so that as far as the general course of events is concerned Parliamentary government in the present sense simply does not exist, and the weight or influence of private members are not of much more consequence than a fly on the wheel of a hundred-ton crane.

There seems to be a fairly widespread idea that members of Parliament have special knowledge about what is going on in Europe, but this is quite a mistake. In the Smoking Room of the House of Commons, where you can really obtain the feeling and sentiment of members, affairs are discussed and there is plenty of gossip, but it is just as informative or otherwise as conversation in any club frequented by educated men. One man has as much knowledge in relation to the war as his neighbour, because their common source of information is the daily paper, which is equally at the disposal of the man in the street. Westminster is, in truth, a rather dull place in these days, for there, as elsewhere, the war is the only thing that matters, and as the Parliamentary machine is of small use for the prosecution of warfare it excites very little interest. A good indication of the position is to be seen in the meagre amount of space given to Parliamentary debates by the newspapers.

FREEDOM OF THE SEA

Sir John Macdonell, the Master of the Supreme Court, who is also a member of the Royal Commission on Shipping Combinations, has performed a useful purpose by calling attention to the persistent mis-use of the phrase, "Freedom of the Sea," by the Central Powers. The term is seldom out of the mouths of German statesmen. By constant iteration it is possible that even English people may come near to accepting the impudent pretensions of the Germans, that they are indeed striving to establish a reign of freedom on the ocean highways. As a matter of fact all the talk about freedom of the sea is simply a conventional description of Hun impatience at the extent and diversity of the British Empire and the commercial, naval, and military advantages which are incident thereto. It has also come to mean a claim for paramountcy at sea by Germany, and that, as Sir John Macdonell wisely says, "is much as if the Red Cross or white flag were placed over an ammunition dump or a gun emplacement."

It is historically true, in spite of assertions to the contrary, that England has always stood forth as the champion of the freedom of the seas. The overwhelming might of England has been used to maintain equality for all nations; and thanks to the British Navy, freedom has in practice existed in time of peace for all except pirates. Curiously enough, the United States has only intervened a few times with armed forces in European waters, and on each occasion it was for a similar object—at one period against the Barbary pirates, and now against the German pirates engaged in their inhuman submarine campaign.

FOOD ECONOMY AGAIN.

Preparations are being made for another great Food Economy Campaign throughout the country. Sir Arthur Yapp, organising secretary of the Y.M.C.A., is acting as publicity agent for the Ministry of Food, his principal task being to bring home to the country the dangers which lie ahead of us unless we board our stocks. Mr. Kennedy Jones, late of the Harmsworth Press, carried out a somewhat similar job earlier in the year, and attempted to stampede the country into a kind of hunger strike. As an old newspaper man, known in Fleet-street as a champion hustler, he established the most friendly relations with the Press, and he obtained such a measure of co-operation that his motto "Eat Less Bread" met the eye in every printed sheet in the land. In the space of a few months less bread was in fact being eaten. Then came reassuring statements from the Government about the submarine menace, and comforting news that we had enough cereals for a nine months' supply, whereupon the consumption of bread went up again to the old level.

Sir Arthur Yapp finds himself practically obliged to begin missionary work again, and in addition to the enormously difficult task of effecting a reduction in the quantity of bread eaten he has other troubles which Mr. Kennedy Jones never had to face. There is now less for people to turn to as substitutes for bread. Bacon, butter, eggs, margarine, tea, cheese, and fish are in short supply, and by all accounts these and other commodities will be scarcer still as time goes on. The farmers predict a meat famine in the spring because the Government have fixed a maximum price for live stock sold to the butcher; and the dairymen are declaring there will be a milk famine because cattle feeders are so dear that to keep milking herds means bankruptcy. (Continued at foot of next column.)

GENERAL SMUTS ON ITALY.

THE ALLIES' FLEDGE OF HELP

General Smuts, speaking at Cardiff recently, said we were deciding in this struggle very largely the fate of mankind and we had come to a point where a decision had to be made on what basis the future would be built. Would it be built on freedom or on "the will to power" and "the will to force"—these new-fangled notions that we had heard preached in Central Europe. It seemed to him very significant that the ideals upon which the British Empire rested were the very ideals for which we were fighting in this war. "That is why I am fighting," he continued; "it is not because I am fighting for the British Empire; I have fought against it—but I am fighting because for more than any Empire is at stake in this great struggle. (Cheers.) If we do not win, the cause of civilization will be set back for many a century. You have laid down a constitutional system which has become the model for all other free communities in the world. You have built up a commonwealth of nations which embraces a quarter of the globe. Against you you have a Power which has been eminently successful along entirely different lines. The 'will to force' has been the keystone of their policy, and the mainstay of their whole national system. The thunder-clouds were bound to come into collision at some time or other. We will not see our principles jeopardized. We are going to see the thing through (cheers), and we know what the issue will be."

THE AUTUMN DOWNWARD MOVE.

There are ups and downs. It is again autumn, and there is always a downward move at this time of the year. In the autumn of 1915 Germany made a deviation and crushed Serbia. She had to give some hope to her people—some encouragement, some inspiration. Like the Baptist's head, she brought Serbia's to them on a platter. The process was repeated in the August of 1916, when Roumania was crushed, and her head brought on a platter to the people of Germany. Something else had to be put on a platter this time. Hence, you see, this tremendous onslaught on Italy. Our hearts, our sympathies go out to Italy in this her hour of trial. The position is serious there—make no mistake about it—but it need not entirely discourage us nor discourage Italy herself. (Cheers.) Let her know—she knows already—that her great Allies are going to stand by her to the bitter end. (Loud cheers.) We shall not see her head presented on a platter. We shall do our best to see Italy through. Our gallant sons will help, and I shall not be surprised to see this booming thrown back on to the German armies with a force they have never expected. (Cheers.)

PROLONGING THE WAR.

The war was not decided in Serbia or in Roumania, nor will it be decided in Italy. In the principal theatre of war Germany has been going down hill these last three years. If she wants to win she must first decide the issue in France and Flanders, where she knows she is being beaten. Now that she sees the enormous weight of America being rushed into the struggle she wishes to dodge the issue and catch an advantage in some minor theatre of operations. The assault on Italy will not help Germany. It will only have the effect, and that the worst possible effect, for Germany, of prolonging the war. It will not affect the issue. The issue is safe. It may prolong the war, but Germany wants to see the end of the war, and the only fruits her army will bring from Italy will be so many months added to the duration of the war.

We were not fighting (continued the speaker) in any unselfish spirit. We had no feeling of hatred of the people fighting against us, nor were we fighting for territory or for material gain, but for the great issues of the ethical, moral, and political bases of Western society. We wanted to vindicate these and to hand them down untarnished and strengthened to the generations to come. We were being tested as we had never been tested before; but, he repeated, the issue was no longer in doubt. Whatever might happen in the minor and subsidiary theatres of war in the main theatre we were holding the enemy in a vice, and would hold him there until he disgorged that war map of his, until every bit of territory he had swallowed in the war was brought forth again. (Cheers.) There was on the other side suffering which was becoming perfectly intolerable and unendurable, and the great onslaught on Italy was a proof of the pass to which Germany and Austria had come. It showed that Austria could only be saved for another winter by something of this kind, but the enemy would find it was a useless move. (Cheers.)

No doubt these dismal prophecies will be falsified by the event, but they indicate the troubles of a Food Controller who has to see that producers are kept up to the mark so that supplies are maintained, and at the same time ensure that there is no waste on the part of the public.

HIGH PRICES.

The Press is so full of articles and letters about foodstuffs that readers at a distance might reasonably obtain a false impression with regard to the position. While there is undoubtedly a shortage of certain commodities there is for the time being no scarcity. What worries most people is the high prices which prevail. A sovereign will only purchase what could be bought for 5s. or 10s. before the war. Butter is anything from 2/6 to 4/6 per lb., tea is being sold this week for as much as 5/6 per lb., of a quality which could have been purchased for 1/- or 1/6 in ordinary times, and bacon is often unobtainable in the shops, and costs from 2/8 to 3/- per lb. Naturally the public protests and grumbles. That is about the only thing in the country not subject to taxation. Of course, the Government can afford to regard high prices with philosophical calm. Merchants and dealers receive hard words and abuse (and many of them deserve all they get), and the Government collects up to 80 per cent. of their takings as excess profits duty. Every retailer, therefore, is by way of acting as a tax collector for the State, and the high cost of food is simply a form of indirect taxation for the war, flowing into the national coffers as excess profits from trade. H.E.

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Following are extracts from a few of many congratulatory letters received by Mr. E. J. Dingle, Editor of the

New Atlas and Commercial Gazetteer of China

from Early Subscribers in Shanghai.

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By Mr. Harry H. Fox, H.M. Commercial Attache at Shanghai.

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